Pollution of Water of Damodar river

299. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of pollution in Damodar river due to the existence of explosives factory at Gomia (Bihar) Chanderpura Thermal Power Project and different mines in that area;

(b) whether its water is fit for safe drinking; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to check the pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The effluents from Chandrapura Thermal Power Plant and the treated effluents of Indian Explosives Ltd., Gomia, are discharged into the Konar river, a tributory of the Damodar river. Also the effluents from the mines and coal washeries in this area considerably pollute the Damodar.

(b) The water is not fit for drinking without treatment. The water quality appreciably deteriorates during lean flow period.

(c) The steps taken include the following:

(1) Industries have been asked to instal pollution control equipment.

(2) Legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

Activities of foreign missionaries

300. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in Jansatta of Delhi dated the 13th July, 1987 to the effect that three foreign missionaries have been ordered to leave the country; and

(b) if so, what have been the activities of these missionaries and in respect of how many more foreign missionaries various State Governments have recommended that they be ordered to leave the country and what action has been taken by the Central Government in each of these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There were adverse reports against them. The persons concerned have filed a Writ Petition and the matter is sub-judice. As and when any foreign national comes to adverse notice he is asked to leave the country. This is an ongoing process.

Opening of branches of Banks in Orissa

301. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of branches of each of the nationalised banks opened in Orissa till 31st March, 1987;

(b) what is the number of branches of banks other than nationalised banks in Orissa till 31st March, 1987;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to open branches of these two categories of banks during the year 1987-88 in Orissa; and

(d) if so, what are the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Details of number of branches of the 28 public sector banks, the regional rural banks (RRBs) and other banks functioning in Orissa as on